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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A bridge overhang bracket, comprising:
an elongate top member having inner and outer ends;
an elongate diagonal member having an inner end and an outer end, the outer end of the diagonal member pivotally attached to the outer end of the top member;
upper and lower pivot joints secured to the top member and diagonal member, respectively, adjacent the respective inner ends thereof; and
an elongate side member having a longitudinal axis and
extending between and engaged with the upper and lower pivot joints; ~~and~~
wherein at least one of the pivot joints comprises an adjustable axial engagement mechanism for adjusting the position along the length of the side member at which the at least one pivot joint engages the side member, the adjustable axial engagement mechanism being adjustable ~~from proximate the inner end of the top member~~ by a user rotating the side member about the longitudinal axis.

Claim 2. (Previously Amended) The bracket according to claim 1 wherein each of the upper and lower pivot joints comprises a pivot pin pivotally mounted about a generally horizontal axis in respective ones of the top and diagonal members.

Claim 3. (Previously Amended) The bracket according to claim 2 wherein each pivot pin of the upper and lower pivot joints comprises a generally vertical cross aperture for receiving the side member.

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Claim 4. (Previously Amended) The bracket according to claim 3 wherein the side member comprises a threaded rod, and the adjustable axial engagement mechanism comprises a thread engaging member engaged with the threaded rod of the side member.

Claims 5 – 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A bridge overhang bracket, comprising:
a top member having inner and outer ends;
a diagonal member having an inner end and an outer end, the outer end pivotally attached to the outer end of the top member;
upper and lower pivot joints secured to the top member and diagonal member, respectively adjacent the respective inner ends thereof; and
a side member comprising a threaded rod extending between and engaged with the upper and lower pivot joints.
wherein, at least one of the pivot joints comprises a thread engaging member engaged with the threaded rod such that the thread engaging member and threaded rod are rotatable relative to each other and rotation of one of the threaded rod or thread engaging member relative to the other. ~~The bracket according to claim 8 wherein adjustment of the axial engagement mechanism moves the thread engaging member along the axial length of the threaded rod.~~

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) The bracket according to claim 1 wherein the adjustable axial engagement mechanism comprises:

an upper thread engaging element engaged with the side member proximate the upper pivot joint;

a lower thread engaging element engaged with the side member proximate the lower pivot joint; and

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wherein the spacing between the lower thread engaging element and the lower pivot joint remains constant during rotation of the upper thread engaging element.

Claim 11. (Cancelled)

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) The bracket according to claim 441 wherein the side member comprises a threaded rod, and the axial engagement mechanism comprises a thread engaging element engaged with the threaded rod, and wherein adjustment of the axial engagement mechanism is by relative rotation of the threaded rod and the thread engaging element.

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The bracket according to claim 2 wherein each of the side member and the diagonal member comprise generally horizontal bores for receiving a respective one of the pivot pins in sliding fit.

Claim 14. (Previously Amended) The bracket according to claim 2 wherein each of the pivot pins comprise a generally vertical cross bore through which the side member extends.